

### REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-10. The drawings have been objected to and have been responded to in a submission of proposed drawing amendments filed herewith. The specification has been amended to fix informalities and to more clearly describe Figure 23. Claims 1, 6, 7, and 8 have been amended. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

### SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to fix informalities and to more clearly describe Figure 23. No new matter has been added as a result.

### DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to in the first paragraph of the Office Action for having poor figure legends. Formal drawings have been submitted for figures 1-24. No new matter has been added as a result of providing formal drawings.

### CLAIM REJECTIONS

#### 35 U.S.C. §112

In the second paragraph of the Office Action, Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is mostly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The second paragraph of the Office Action, also rejected Claim 1 for reciting only a single step, rejected Claims 1-5 for omitting essential steps, and Claim 1 for failing to recite a series of steps that logically amount to the method of grouping entries.

Currently amended independent Claim 1 recites:

A method of grouping entries in a directory server, said directory server configured to contain roles, the method comprising the steps of:

creating an enumerated role by assigning a plurality of entries to the enumerated role, whereby the plurality of entries possess the enumerated role;  
determining what entries possess the enumerated role; and  
providing the plurality of entries that possess the enumerated role to a client.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a series of steps that logically amount to the method of grouping entries. Further, the subject matter of Claim 1 is described in FIG. 13 and on page 38 of the specification. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph has been overcome.

Claims 2-5 depend on Claim 1, which is believed to be allowable for the foregoing rationale. As such, it is respectfully asserted that the rejections of Claims 2-5 have been overcome and their allowance is earnestly solicited.

#### CLAIM REJECTIONS

##### 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

In paragraph 3, the Office Action rejected Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by iPlanet Directory Server Administrator's Guide (Version 5.0, April 2001, Sun Microsystems, Inc., hereafter iPlanet).

Applicants respectfully submit that the inventors of the above-mentioned application conceived and invented the subject matter disclosed in above mentioned reference iPlanet. A declaration attesting to this is being filed concurrently with this response.

Accordingly, the features of the above-mentioned application as recited in Claims 1-10 are not anticipated by the above mentioned reference iPlanet and the rejection of Claims 1-10 is overcome.

### CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejected Claims is requested. Based on the amendments and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-10 overcome the rejections of record. Therefore, allowance of Claims 1-10 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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